

REMARKS

Claims 11-23, 36-39, 41-65, 68-73, 83-90, 92, 93, 95-101, 103, and 106-133 are pending in this application, claims 134 and 135 having been cancelled. All of the remaining claims, claims 11-23, 36-39, 42-65, 68-73, 83-90, 92, 93, 95-101, 103 and 106-133, have been found allowable. Claim 134 (now cancelled) has been objected to and claims 134 and 135 (now cancelled) have been rejected. Claims 15, 36, 57, 58, 62, 87, 92, 95 and 97 are independent.

The Examiner is thanked for the allowance of claims 11-23, 36-39, 42-65, 68-73, 83-90, 92, 93, 95-101, 103 and 106-133. Those claims have been maintained unchanged, and so are believed to remain in condition for allowance.

The Objection to the Claims

Claim 134 has been objected to on grounds that at line 6, the semicolon following "comprising" should be replaced with a colon.

In view of the cancellation of claim 134, this rejection is moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 134 and 135 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,250,750 to Miyazawa et al.

Claim 135 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,666,146 to Mochizuki et al.

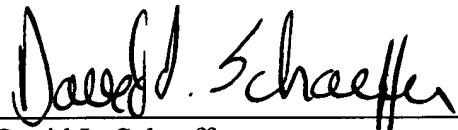
Claims 134 and 135 have been cancelled, and so both of these rejections are now moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place this application in condition for allowance and submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason, however, the Examiner should deem that this application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below to resolve any outstanding issues prior to issuing a further Office Action.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee now or hereafter due in connection with the prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David L. Schaeffer", is written over a horizontal line.

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